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SUBJ: GOZ CENTRAL PLANNING OFFICE

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1. ACTING DIRECTOR MET WITH VAN HOECK IN OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY ON APRIL 18 TO DISCUSS LATE APRIL GOZ/ DONOR MEETING. DATE NOT FIRM BUT PURPOSE OF MEETING WILL BE TO REVIEW UN 1973 DRAFT (SIC) PROGRAM PLAN AS IT RELATES TO GOZ PRIORITIES AND OTHER DONOR COMMITMENTS.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION VAN HOECK MADE SEVERAL REFERENCES TO CURRENT IBRD/ GOZ NEGOTIATIONS ON PROVISION OF PLANNING EXPERTS FOR PRESIDENCY. VAN HOECK SEEMED PREPARED TO FACILITATE ENTRY OF IBRD GROUP IN SPITE POSSIBILITY SOME CURTAILMENT HIS PERCEIVED ROLE IN PLANNING AREA. WHILE OVERALL TENOR HIS COMMENTS ON RECENT IBRD DISCUSSIONS HERE WAS POSITIVE, VAN HOECK DID ALLUDE TO TWO POSSIBLE STICKING POINTS: FIRST WAS SUGGESTION BY HARVARD DAS REPRESENTATIVE THAT THEIR EXPERTS WOULD NOT BEGIN ARRIVING KINSHASA UNTIL JANUARY 1974 - BASED ON CURRENT DAS RECRUITMENT TIME- TABLE. BISENGIMANA REPORTEDLY HAS WONDERED OUT LOUD WHETHER HE COULD NOT RECRUIT MORE QUICKLY FROM DIFFERENT SOURCE. SECOND, POSSIBLE HITCH
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IS METHOD OF FINANCING FOR PLANNING EXPERTS SINCE
BISENGIMANA NOT DISPOSED IDA CREDIT ROUTE FOR REASONS
OUTLINED REF A. GOZ AND BANK OFFICIALS HAD HOPED WORK
OUT A MULTI- DONOR FINANCING SCHEME DURING BELL' S VISIT
TO KINSHASA THIS MONTH. BUT BELL' S HOSPITALIZATION
TOGETHER WITH NO ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE YET NAMED
BY IBRD SEEME TO HAVE PLACED SCHEME IN DEEP- FREEZE FOR
PRESENT.

3. WHILE USAID PLAYED APPROPRIATE LISTENING ROLE
DURING VAN HOECK' S COMMENTARY ON IBRD PROJECT, MISSION
SUGGEST AID/ W IMPRESS UPON BANK OFFICIALS NEED FOR
TIMELY FOLLOW- UP ON RECENT VISITS. IF NATURE OF BELL' S
ILLNESS PRECLUDES HIS TRAVELLING TO ZAIRE OVER NEXT
MONTH, BANK SHOULD NAME ANOTHER NEGOTIATOR. IN ADDITION,
IF HARVARD DAS IS TO PROVIDE PLANNING EXPERTS FOR BANK
THEIR RECRUITMENT EFFORT SHOULD BE ACCELERATED.
DESIRABLE TO HAVE AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS DAS TEAM ATTEND
JULY CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING AS OBSERVERS.

4. SIGNIFICANT DIVIDENDS WHICH WILL ACCRUE TO GOZ
FROM WELL- STAFFED CENTRAL PLANNING FACILITY AND FAIL-
URE OF PREVIOUS EFFORTS ALONG THIS LINE HERE SUGGEST
THAT CURRENT GOZ ENCHANTMENT WITH IBRD SCHEME SHOULD
BE FULLY EXPLOITED.

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